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Usher and
Naomi before
the row and,
right, Kylie
Minogue at the
bash



Tash's tissues

NATASHA Bedingfield was battling a snotty nose before the awards.

Tash, 22 – up for Best Newcomer – was forced to spend the day nursing her cold in bed.

She told me: "I felt awful, which was a shame as this was the first award I've ever been nominated for."

But she vowed to return to Rome with her pals – if only for the men, as she's still Single.

Kylie's cry-off

KYLIE Minogue left MTV bosses peeved after failing to show up at an exclusive party.

The sexy Aussie, 36, was supposed to be the President's guest of honour at the swanky Villa Aurelia.

A source told me: "N.E.R.D., Natasha Bedingfield and Franz Ferdinand were there but Kylie didn't show."

Rock on Simon

MOST random pairing of the awards was Simon Webbe and Kid Rock, who chartered a private jet to hit aftershow parties.

The Blue star, 25, and Kid, 33, are good buddies, according to my sources. I'm told: "It wasn't a case of painting the town red but smearing the good times across Rome."

CAUGHT LIVE

BEASTIE BOYS – Global Village

ACROSS town in Rome the Beastie Boys caused havoc with their Greatest Hits gig. The 5,000 capacity venue was close to a riot after 10,000 people descended on it. But the hip-hop veterans didn't disappoint, keeping their good humoured but boisterous fans on the verge of hysteria.

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BOVRIL fans are in a stew after bosses cut out all the beef amid mad cow fears.

Makers Unilever have replaced the product's beef extract with a savoury yeast mix similar to Marmite.

The drink is now suitable for vegetarians.



■ by IAN TRUEMAN

ians. And the firm, who once used model Jerry Hall in leopard skins to promote it, admit they took out the winter warmer's main ingredient in an effort to boost sales.

Some customers had expressed fears over the safety of the meat extract in the wake of BSE scares. But the new version only came to light after leading chef Henry Harris, of London's Racine restaurant, noticed a difference and carefully read the ingredients.

The decision to stop using beef extract ends more than 100 years of tradition.

Taste

A spokesman for Unilever UK Foods insisted most people will not be able to tell the difference.

He said: "It was not an easy decision to make because we know people like the taste of beef."

"There were also a lot of limitations put in place because of BSE. Many people have a strong affection for the Bovril brand but that doesn't come through in sales."

"In blind taste tests 10% didn't notice any difference and 50% preferred the new version."

Rachel is a Survivor

ROD Stewart's sexy ex Rachel Hunter proved she was still hot stuff when she turned heads at an awards ceremony in LA.

The bombshell model and singer, 35, has just been signed up to take part in a Survivor-style reality show in the US.

And she was all smiles as she glided down the red carpet. Anyone lucky enough to be castaway with Rachel on the show will be smiling too.

House of York falls

A COUPLE gazumped by the Duchess of York have managed to buy their dream home back from her.

Sarah Ferguson outbid Simon and Karen Pritchard at the last minute for the Grade II Wareham House near Haslemere, Surrey.

But after Buckingham Palace refused to pay for security measures, Fergie sold up for £1million without spending a night there.

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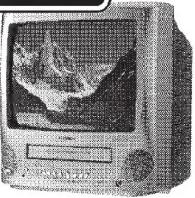
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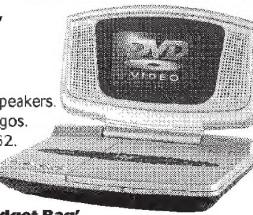
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The film, called Sport at Heart and launched today, is aimed at plugging the London campaign overseas.

Jogging

It shows the best of Britain and features stars such as Denise Van Outen, 30, Johnny Vaughan, 38, and Helen Mirren, 59.

The film follows middle-distance runner Jo Ankier jogging through London and showcases some of the city's most famous sites.

Along the way, she passes stars including:

• 007 Moore outside

Two's clue for Becks

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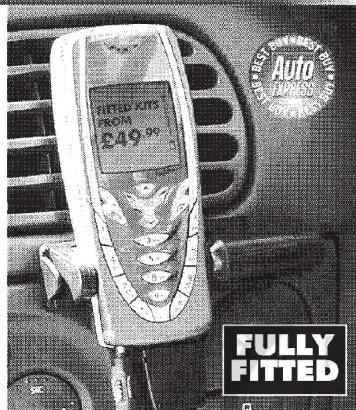
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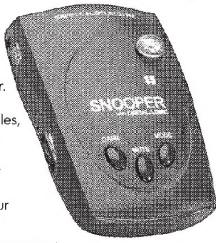
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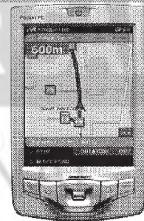
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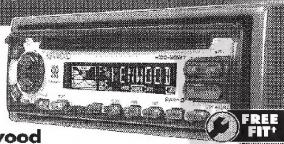
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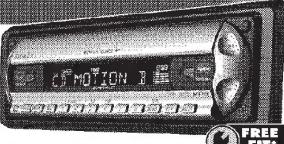
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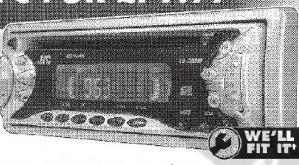
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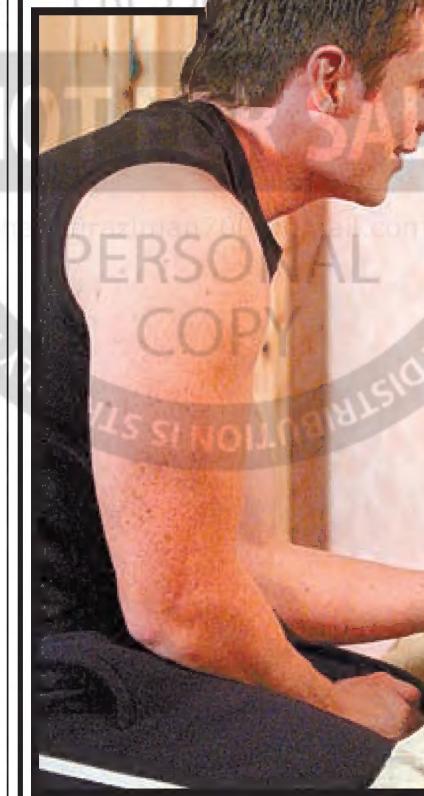
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Suranne Jones, 26,
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But the 35-
year-old had
no regrets.

She said: "To
work on the
Street was too
good a chance to miss."

SOAPER STAR

HUNKY Dennis Rickman makes sexy Zoe Slater an offer she can't refuse. When he returns to Albert Square next week.

Dennis (Nigel Harman, 31) left Walford to "sort his head out". But he tells Zoe (Michelle Ryan, 20) she's the girl for him and asks her to live with him.



NURSE TO UP CORRIE Street after Enders' Jill

■ BY EMILY ROSE
CORRIE bosses are poised to make an amazing swoop for outgoing EastEnders star Jill Halfpenny.

Writers on the ITV1 soap want the Strictly Come Dancing star to reprise her role as randy Corrie nurse Rebecca Hopkins, according to sources.

They want her to shake up the life of thirtysomething sugar-daddy Martin Platt - actor Sean Wilson, 39 - and she could be involved in a battle with his live-in toygirl lover Katy Harris.

Passion

Last night a show insider confirmed: "There's no doubt that Rebecca was the great love of Martin's life and the storyline where she went to work in the Middle East was left open for a return."

"When news of Jill's availability came through, it triggered storyline possibilities for us."

"And there's every chance she will be coming back."

There is talk of bringing Rebecca back to Weatherfield General in a senior management role.

The one-time staff nurse would end up as Martin's



SEEING DOUBLE: Jill as Kate and with Martin, left

Come Dancing - would be a huge coup for Corrie.

The vivacious Geordie plays Kate, the wife of Phil Mitchell (Steve McFadden, 45), in EastEnders.

And she'd be the ideal female fatale replacement for departing Suranne Jones, 25, who plays motor-mouth Karen McDonald.

boss and the flames of passion would re-ignite.

That would put Rebecca on collision course with Katy (Lucy Jo Hudson, 21).

A return for Jill, 29 - a hit on the Beeb's Saturday night contest Strictly

Hard going for James

EASTENDERS star James Alexandrou has told how he really rose to the occasion during a recent telly clinch with actress Natalie Cassidy.

It happened when hunky James, 19, who plays heartthrob Martin Fowler, got up close to 21-year-old Natalie, who plays his wife Sonia in the soap, while she was wearing sexy lingerie.

Because she was so close and scantily clad he became very aroused.

James told a fan magazine: "I had a big gown on so I don't think anyone noticed."

Cheating Charity risks all for hunk



GOLD-DIGGER: Charity

SEXY Charity Tate's set to cheat on husband-to-be Tom King in the run-up to their Emmerdale wedding.

Blonde bombshell Charity - departing star Emma Atkins, 29 - will plunge into an affair with a hunky worker of OAP tycoon Tom.

It puts the former hooker's gold-digging marriage plans to Tom, played by Ken Farrington, 68, in jeopardy.

A senior Emmerdale insider revealed: "Charity is being teed up for some sexual indiscretions."

"After all, Tom is nearly old enough to be her grandfather, and he can hardly be a good performer in bed."

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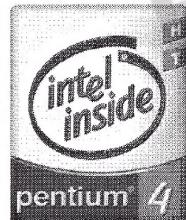
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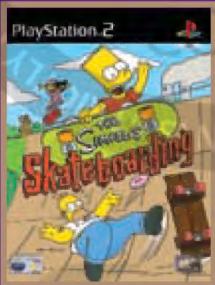
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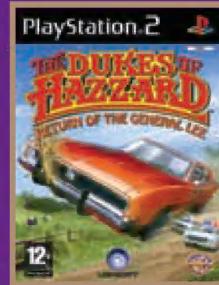
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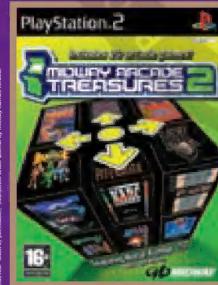
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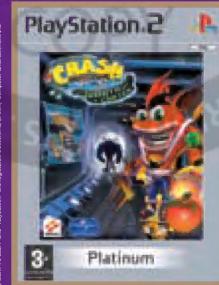
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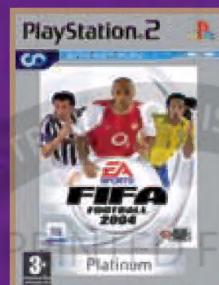
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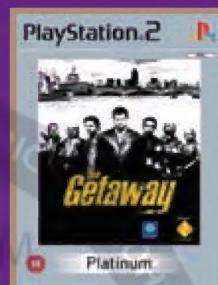
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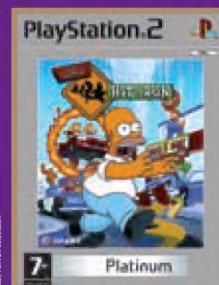
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UPBEAT: Boss Leighton

THE Royal Mail has revealed it is making £1million a day – but postal watchdogs are furious.

Postwatch slammed the latest results, saying that customers were paying through the teeth for a failing service.

It said the company had failed to meet 14 of its 15 performance targets while more than 200 million first class letters were still not delivered the next day – and 15 million letters are lost every year.

But the Royal Mail, which announced a massive turnaround in its business yesterday, claimed it was delivering nine out of 10 letters on time. It said it made

■ by PAUL GREAVES

profits of £217m in the first half of the year and is on course to make £400m in the full year.

Two-and-a-half years ago the company was losing £1m a day.

Best

The latest results will trigger payments of at least £800 to every UK postal worker. Chairman Allan Leighton claimed a massive modernisation programme had helped deliver the profits.

He said: "We are restoring profitability and improving our services." But Postwatch chairman Peter Carr hit back: "Customers are facing new price increases while service standards continue to fail the targets."

"Customers are paying for the profits without receiving the service."

Postwatch said Wigan is the UK's best performing area with 93.8% of first class mail delivered the next day.

Howard targets travellers

MICHAEL Howard has pledged tough action to wipe out illegal gipsy sites.

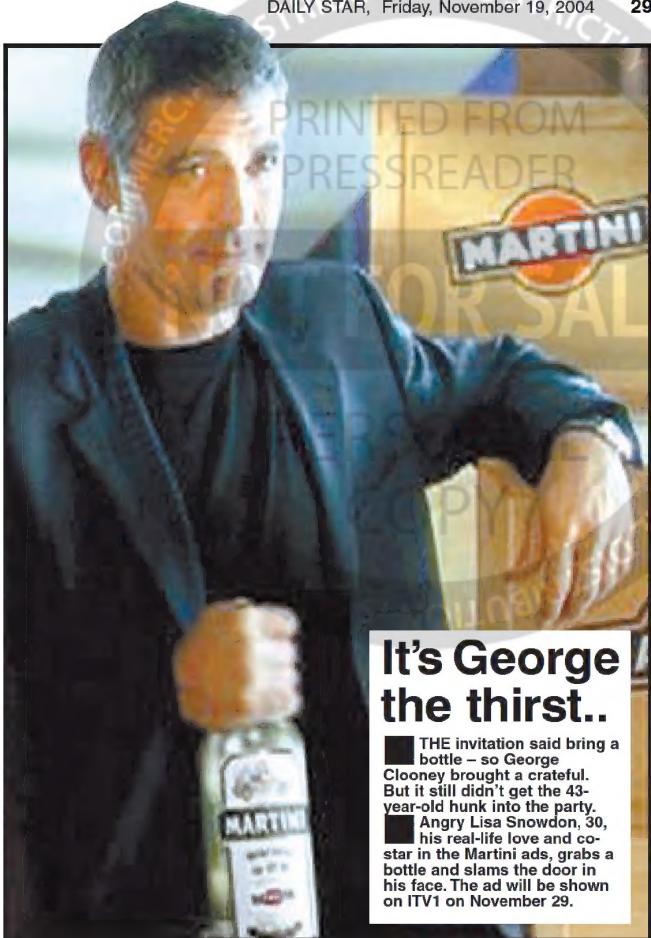
The Conservative leader yesterday unveiled a five-point crackdown aimed at "wilful abuse" of planning laws.

During a visit to Cornwall, Mr Howard said: "People want action to tackle concerns like illegal traveller sites. Not

■ by MACER HALL, Political Editor

because they are hostile to travellers but because they believe that everyone should play by the rules."

His action plan includes new powers for local councils to seize and remove illegally-sited caravans.



It's George the thirst..

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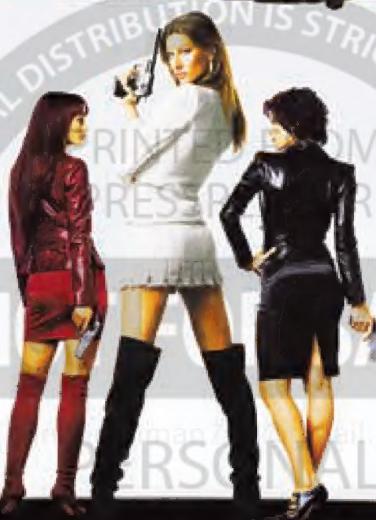
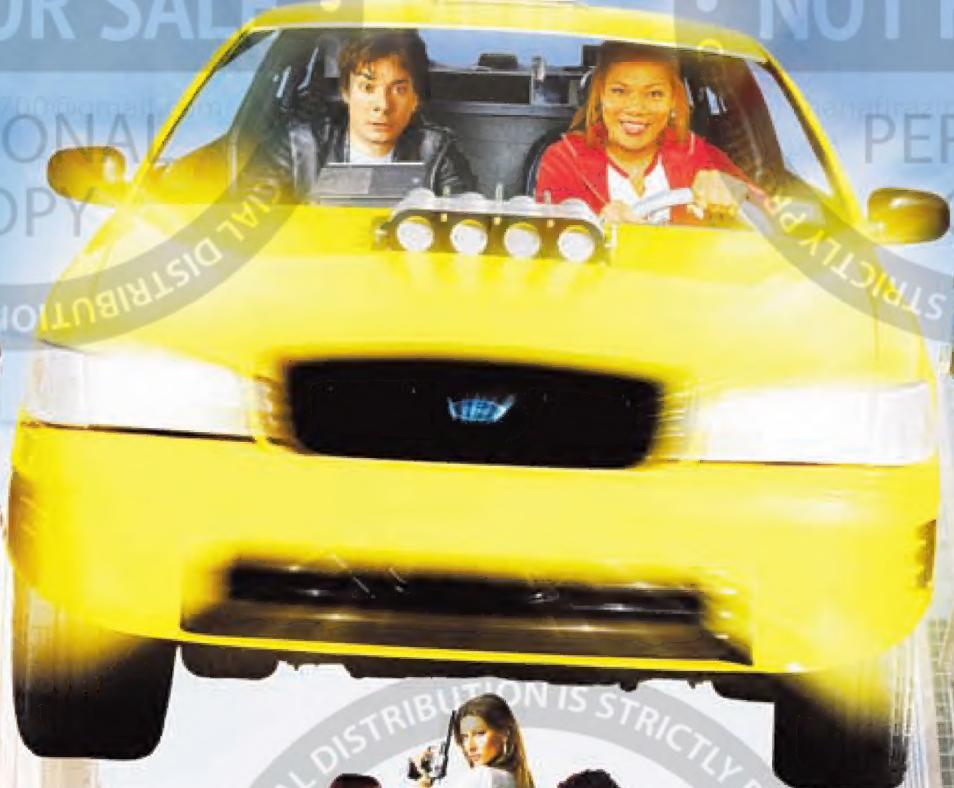
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The Mouth from Down Under

Many hands make lights work

HELLO folks, and welcome to another fabulous Friday free-for-all

Well, it's been another mad week and I'm bloody glad it's over so I can change my socks and put my feet up.

The other night Harriet Scott and I helped turn on the Oxford Street Christmas lights with Olympic hero Sir Steve Redgrave, Harry Potter babe Emma Watson (she plays Hermione), and Il Divo (that fab boy opera band from Simon "Highpants" Cowell).

We also introduced London Mayor Ken Livingstone to the crowds. Between boozing they seemed to enjoy themselves (I think the congestion charge has maybe lost our Ken a few fans).

Celebrate

The lights and laser show was great and it was a great way to celebrate London's 2012 Olympic bid going to the International Olympic Committee (I wrapped a £20 quid note around the folder for good measure).

Young Emma was there to promote the fact that the DVD for Harry Potter Prisoner Of Azkaban is out today.

She said she has been having a great time filming the new Harry Potter and she wants a real popcorn machine for Christmas. (I would have asked Santa for a percentage in the film's takings, but then that's me).

It was a great night and really made me feel Christmassy - if there is such a word.

It's been a very hectic few days, though, what with radio shows and all kinds of charity stuff. That included going to see Tony Blair and the lovely Cherie at Number 10 for The Lifesaver Awards that we helped judge for our sister paper The Daily Express and the Humane Society.

Cherie even showed Claire Sweeney, Harriet and myself the real Moon rock that they were given by one of the few British astronauts...just four tiny flakes.

I told Cherie I was expecting a boulder and she said she got a similar reaction from her four-year-old, Leo.

Maybe that's because I have a lot in common with most toddlers (Harriet says my brain is the same size). Still, the PM was in fine form and just about to fly off to Washington.

When I showed him my lapsed Labour membership card he suggested I should pay my dues and get political.

I asked if I would get to use the Westminster bar facilities and earn Air Miles, but he just smiled and called for security - as usual.

THE QUEEN AND I

ENJOYED a great chat with Sir Elton John the other day about his new hit album, *Peachtree Road*.

He is such a legend and I've been lucky enough to have talked to him on many Aussie TV shows and radio gigs over the years.

It was back in the days when he was a naughty boy with booze and drugs and I don't think he would even remember the interviews.

It was a pleasure to see him looking so good and sounding better than he has for ages.

He has a wicked sense of humour and literally sent himself up throughout our interview. His impression of

The Queen is priceless. He said she asks the same question every time he goes to the Palace - "Are you busy? He always gets the same reaction - "How marvellous."

He also has some great stories about Groucho Marx, John Lennon and his legendary tantrums.

I pretended I'd never heard of Elton chucking a wobbly. We laughed until I almost wet my knickers.

I can't wait until Elton's Vegas show starts - and his musical of *Billy Elliott*. I hear it's going to be brilliant, otherwise Elton will make the director's life hell.

Long live the Queen and long may HE reign...happy and glorious.

Hear Jono and Harriet every weekday between 6am and 9am on London's Heart 106.2, on Sky Channel 874 or at www.heart1062.co.uk

CHECK OUT FLIRTY 30s

HAD a great chinwag with the ever-suave Jeremy Irons the other day at The Dorchester, where I also met Annette Bening.

They're both starring in a great new film called *Being Julia*, set in London's theatreland back in the 1930s. It also features Michael Gambon and many great character actors like Rita Tushingham and Miriam Margolyes.

The film's based on a Somerset Maugham story called *Theatre* and I didn't think it would be my cup of tea, but I loved it - imagine a Luvvies version of a whodunnit.

Anyway, I think I should have been born in the 30s. I love the music, the clothes and the dancing (oh my God, I think I may be gay - or at least watching too much Strictly Come Dancing).

This movie works for all ages. I enjoyed it and so did my young wife.

I'm also planning to take my mum to see it - she's old enough to remember the 30s first time around.

It's a great story of life in the theatre back in those champagne-fuelled days.

Annette Benning is brilliant and should get an Oscar nomination for her British accent alone.

She plays a totally spoilt drama queen, with Jeremy playing her long-suffering producer husband who turns a blind eye to her occasional boyfriends.

Being *Julia* is a wonderful farce that I'd recommend. It's out today so go along to see it.

WE played Band Aid 20 on the radio this morning. I gave my (mixed) views on it in this very paper on Wednesday, but I really hope it does well.

I'm sure it will be the Christmas No.1 this year, but I still don't think it's a classic like the original back in 1984.

I just don't think we'll be playing it next year as a Christmas record. By then, I say we'll be back to the old one again and most of the "celebs" on this version will be forgotten.

I'm sure most of the stars on the new record are there for the right reasons, but I get the feeling some have been used to help sales and make for a better video.

Anyway, I still can't get over the fact that Joss Stone wasn't even born when they did the first one. She thought Bob

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Geldof was called Bob Gandalf, as in Lord Of The Rings (bet she never gets his name wrong again).

Next week I'm catching up with Tom Hanks, whose new animated movie *Polar Express* is amazing. My kids love it!

Also I catch up with Kevin Spacey, who has directed an incredible film about the life of Bob Dylan.

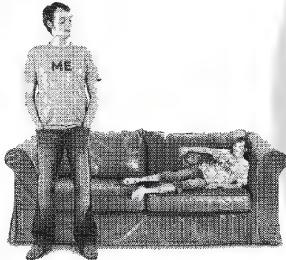
Anyway, I've got to get outside because I've just been told I have a LIVE wall at the front of my house. That means it's about to fall down onto the street...

Don't you just love builders?

RICKY GERVAIS has asked me to remind you his totally un-PC live stand-up DVD *Politics Live* is in the shops. I loved it but I had to watch on my own as the comedy is just so on the edge. I couldn't show this to my mum or the kids...and I couldn't even watch it with my wife without a fair bit of blushing. It's fantastic - but save it for the boys, after a few large ones.

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■ by STEPHEN RIGLEY

THE new £11million Pepsi TV ad has hit the buffers - because Jennifer Lopez's bum was too big for her skimp costume.

Producers of the advert realised they faced a big, big problem when the Latino diva tried to squeeze into a sexy black leather outfit.

Filming on the mega-budget commercial at Shepperton Studios in west London was held up while frantic staff tried to stitch an extra piece of leather on to the outfit to help cover J.Lo's curvy bottom.

The 35-year-old singer and actress had teamed up with bootyllicious R&B singer Beyoncé Knowles, 23, and



R&B-HIND: Beyoncé

England football skipper David Beckham, 29, to shoot what has become the world's most expensive advert ever.

Pepsi bosses chose the glittering trio because they thought they had the right star quality to appeal to American viewers in the world's priciest ad slot - a two-minute segment during next year's American Football Superbowl.

TV producers hand-picked several glamorous locations in Europe and Mexico for the star-studded shoot.

Last night a set insider said: "It was quite comical, really. There were all these people ready to get on with the work when we realised there was a problem."

"Basically, J.Lo's bum was just too curvy for the outfit and we had to make sure the costume fitted her before we could start filming."

"Beyoncé fitted into her costume easily but J.Lo just couldn't squeeze in."

"We had to stitch an extra piece of leather into the costume before filming could begin."

"Not surprisingly, there were lots of volunteers for that job."



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Blunder attack

NURSE Benjamin David Geen, 24, appeared in court yesterday accused of causing grievous bodily harm to 12 patients at Horton General Hospital in his home town of Banbury, Oxon. Bicester magistrates bailed him until next Friday.

BRITISH workers are putting businesses at risk by showing a staggeringly laid-back attitude to security despite the danger of a terrorist attack, a survey has revealed.

Employees have shrugged off disasters such as the 9/11 atrocity and have failed to become more security conscious, according to the Lloyds TSB Insurance study.

The research warned that workers' blunders - including leaving computers on overnight and failing to lock doors and windows - posed a potential threat to business property, money and confidential information.

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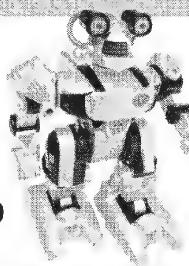
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MOBILE FINES TO DOUBLE

Drivers ignore law

FINES for motorists who hold a mobile phone while driving are set to double, it was announced yesterday.

Drivers caught talking without using a hands-free kit will face a £60 penalty and will get three points on their licence.

The government crackdown comes as official figures show the original £30 fine was not deterring enough drivers from flouting the law. The Department of Transport said offending had fallen by just 25% since holding a phone while driving became illegal almost a year ago.

Hike

Lord Davies, the Government's transport spokesman in the House of Lords, admitted: "The improvement has not been as good as we would have hoped."

The harsher penalties will be proposed in a new Road Safety Bill and could become law by next year.

But motoring groups said the fine hike does not

■ by TOM SAVAGE

go far enough and called for more traffic police to enforce the ban.

RAC traffic safety boss Kevin Delaney said: "Police are carrying out less traffic regulation, with cameras gradually taking over the role."

"The reality is that cameras cannot catch drivers using mobiles."

"Unless there is some consistency of enforcement, harsher penalties will not work."



Kids so green on trees

MODERN children spend more time shopping than enjoying the great outdoors.

A poll of 1,500 parents by the Woodland Trust showed that 90 per cent of parents want to take their kids to the countryside but spend more time in supermarkets.

Just over five per cent had never visited woodland with their kids.

The trust's Andy Beer said: "Getting out and enjoying woodland is part of our heritage. "The health benefits are well proven and going on a family day out in the woods, rather than supermarkets, does bring people together."

Pacino's tall order

LOOKS like gorgeous actress Rene Russo is getting friendly with screen god Al Pacino – even if they don't see eye-to-eye. The 50-year-old babe towered over Pacino, 64, as he slid an arm round her waist during filming in New York. The pair are shooting a new movie called *Two For The Money*.

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BAYWATCH THE MOVIE IN 3DD

■ by TONY LEONARD

HOLLYWOOD bosses are planning a **HUGE** treat for Baywatch fans.

Movie mogul Steven Spielberg's Dreamworks is going to film a big-screen version of the sexy series in 3D.

Lusty lads will be left stunned as the mega-breasts of the beautiful life-savers appear to come out of the screen.

And cheeky Tinseltown producers want to call the film Baywatch 3DD.

Last night, an insider claimed: "A lot of men will get carried away. It will look like the girls are touchable."

Hotties

The astonishing plan has been revealed by the movie's co-producer Eli Roth.

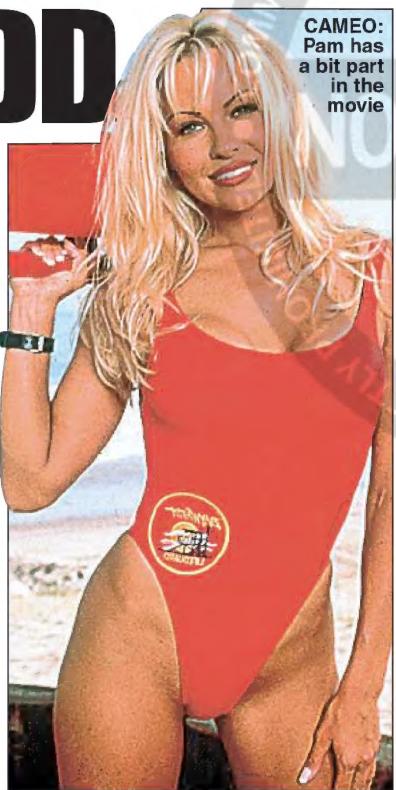
Roth confessed: "We have tons of great ideas to make a fun movie.

"Michelle Berk, who is one of the producers, is also a partner in a 3D company. The idea is to do a release called Baywatch 3DD."

The executive also confirmed that Baywatch favourites – including Pamela Anderson, 37 – will make guest appearances.

He said: "For the main cast we want a new crop of hotties.

"But Pammy and the gals will do cameos. It just wouldn't be Baywatch without them."



CAMEO:
Pam has
a bit part
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Hunting ban law by Feb

■ by MACER HALL, Political Editor

FOXHUNTING will be outlawed from next February, Parliament ruled last night amid chaotic scenes at Westminster.

Peers and MPs wrangled for hours yesterday after a last ditch Government attempt to delay the ban and avoid protests in the run up to the general election.

A string of legal challenges against the ban on hunting with dogs is now expected.

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■ by JOHN MAHONEY
A MAN faces five years in jail if he says "I do" at the altar.

William Parker has been handed a unique ASBO by a magistrates court banning him from going within 50 feet of his bride-to-be.

But former submarine engineer William and 46-year-old Janet Dugdale are determined the order won't stop them get-

ASBO blocks couple's wedding

tting hitched. It makes marriage in a planned church ceremony impossible – but yesterday the lovebirds vowed the wedding will still go ahead.

William, 47, said yesterday: "If a couple love each

other there is no law in the land that should keep them apart.

We have stuck together through thick and thin – what right do they have to separate us like this?

"There were problems with drink and fighting but we want to put all that behind

us. We want to be together." The couple's stormy relationship has been hit by a string of furious rows.

Two years ago Janet was given a 12-month conditional discharge for assaulting him.

Last year William was nicked 11 times over bust-ups with

Janet and in September got a six-month conditional discharge after smashing windows at her home.

In March he was given another conditional discharge after thumping her during another blazing row.

The court order was made in the couple's home town of Blackburn following a request from Lancashire Police.

They now intend going to Gretna Green to get hitched.



VOWS: Robert De Niro

Tot No.6 for Bob

ROBERT De Niro, who fought prostate cancer a year ago, is set to be a father again, according to reports.

Dad-of-five De Niro, 61, renews wedding vows with Grace Hightower tomorrow amid rumours she's expecting.



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Santa sex toy shocker

SEX shop bosses have been forced to take down a Santa Claus – because he was holding a thrusting saucy toy.

After outraged shoppers complained, police told staff at Sinsins Love Store to remove the Father Christmas and his shocking pink sex aid.

Stunned John Faith, 45, protested after his children – aged five and six – asked him what the smirking Santa was doing.

Mr Faith, of Manchester, said: "It is a bit of a shock when you're driving along and

you see that in the shop window and your children ask what Santa is holding. I told them he was holding a big red lollipop."

The dad-of-two added that the display at the raunchy shop in Charing Cross, Norwich, was "in terrible taste".

Michael Sheldrake, shop floor manager of Sinsins, said they took away the Santa vibrator after police were alerted.

He said: "That's the only complaint we've had. Everyone else thought it was really funny – even the police."

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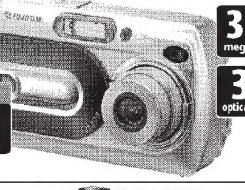
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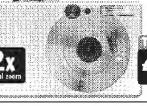
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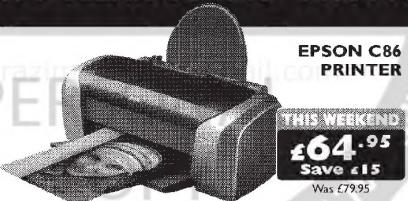
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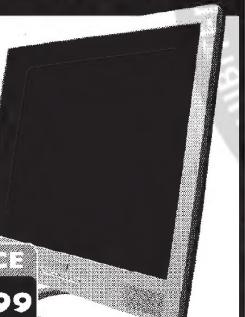


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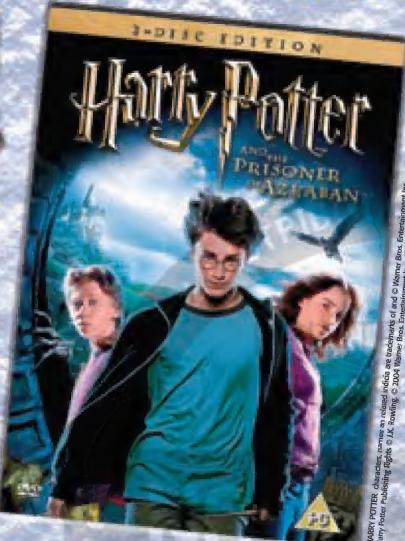
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